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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE OFFICE ACTION

In response to the *Ex parte Quayle* Action dated April 27, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

Replacement sheets of drawing figure(s) is(are) attached following page 9.